to the answer to Unstarred Question 72 given in *the* Rajya Sabha on 30h April, 1990 and state:

(al) whether it is a fact that special team made assessment of dues against other companies apart rrom the six companies involved in Supreme Court cases;

(b) if so, what are their names and also the names of the drugs against which assessment was rhade;

(c) what was the amount assessed against each drug by the team and upto what period- and

(fl) what was the total number of « presentations received by his Ministi against the assessment made by the teai upto 3rd May, 1990 and what are th details of each?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEU* AM> CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GU RUPADASWAMY: (al) Yes, Sir.

(b) and (c) Names of the companie and the drugs in respect of which som tentative amounts were also assessed b the Special Team are given below:

Sl. No.	Nams of th-; company	Drugs involved
1	Anil Starch Procucts Limited.	. Dextrose Anhydrous.
2	Ta. nil Nadu DidhaPharmiceutieals Ltd.	Calcium Lactate.
3	S. G. P. nraiicjuticals	Oxyphenbutazone
4	Metind Limited. . . .	(i) Djxamethasone Pure. (ii) Phosphate. Dexamethasone 21

In view of the representations received against the findings of the Special Team, it has been decided to review the findings in respect of these companies and also the tentatively assessed amounts ufctb 31-12-1983 which were earlier communicated to six companies.

(d) A large number of representations have been received against the findings of the Special Team, upto 3rd May, 1990. These representations deal with the issues relating to set-offs, under assessment of liabilities ignoring the liabilities in respect of formulations etc.

Revision in norms for conversion costs of drugs

721. SHRIMATI PRATIBHA SINGH: SHRIMATI SATYA BAHIN:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether his attention has been drawn to the news-item which appeared in the 'Financial Express' of 26th March, 1990 regarding revision in norms for con version and packing costs of drugs hy the Sankaran Committee;

(b) when wis this Committee set up and who were its members and when was the report submitted;

(c) what are the main findings of this Cornmittee;

(d) whether it is a fact that the Committee studied the actual costs and packing costs;

(el) if so, what were the actual costs of 15 drug companies;

(f) whether it is also a fact that his Ministry have detected a number of anomalies in the findings of the Committee; and

(g) if so, what are the details thereof and what steps are being taken to rectify the situation?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a!> to (e) On 2nd September, 1987, a Committee comprising of the following was constituted for revision of conversion and packing norms:

(1) Director (Pharmaceutical Industry) Deptt, of Chemicals and Petro-chemicals (Dr. D. K. Sankaran) ..... Chairman

(2) Representative of BICP (Shri C. Radhakrishnamurthy, Joint Director) Member

(3) Dr. M. A. Patel, Commissioner' Food and Drugs Control Admn,, Govt, of Gujarat ..... Member

(4) Assistant Development Commissioner (Pharmaceutical Industry), Djptt. of Ciemicals and Petro-chemicals (Dr. P. V. AppajH. Member/Secretary

A questionnaire was sent to 35 companies eliciting information on actual conversion cost and packing cost. Rased on the material received from the companies, the Committee •submitted its report to the Government in April, 1988 and the recommendations contained therein were examined in detail 'by the Government. Accepting all the major recommendations contained therein the revised norms *for* conversion cost, packing charges and process loss of materials were announced iri February, 1989.

(f) No anomaly in the findings of the Committee has come to the notice of this Ministry.

(g) Does not arise.

Overcharging the prices of Formulations and Bulk Drugs

722. SHRIMATI PRATIBHA SINGH; SHRIMATI SATYA BAHIN.

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that number of instances of overcharging the prices of formulations and balk drugs fixed under DPCO, 1979 and 1987 have -come to the notices of his Ministry;

(b) if so, what are the names of finished medicines and drugs;

(c) what are the names of their manufacturers;

(d) when was each instance came *to* the notice of his Ministry; and

(e) whether his Ministry has taken any penal action against any company for contravention of the provision of Drugs Price control Orders?

THE MINISTER OF PETROLEUM AND CHEMICALS (SHRI M. S. GURUPADASWAMY): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (d) The requisite information to the extent available with the Government, is given in the annexed statement.

(e) No, sir. However, necessary proceedings have been initiated against a number of defaulter compaines. In one case action for penal proceedings has also been initiated.